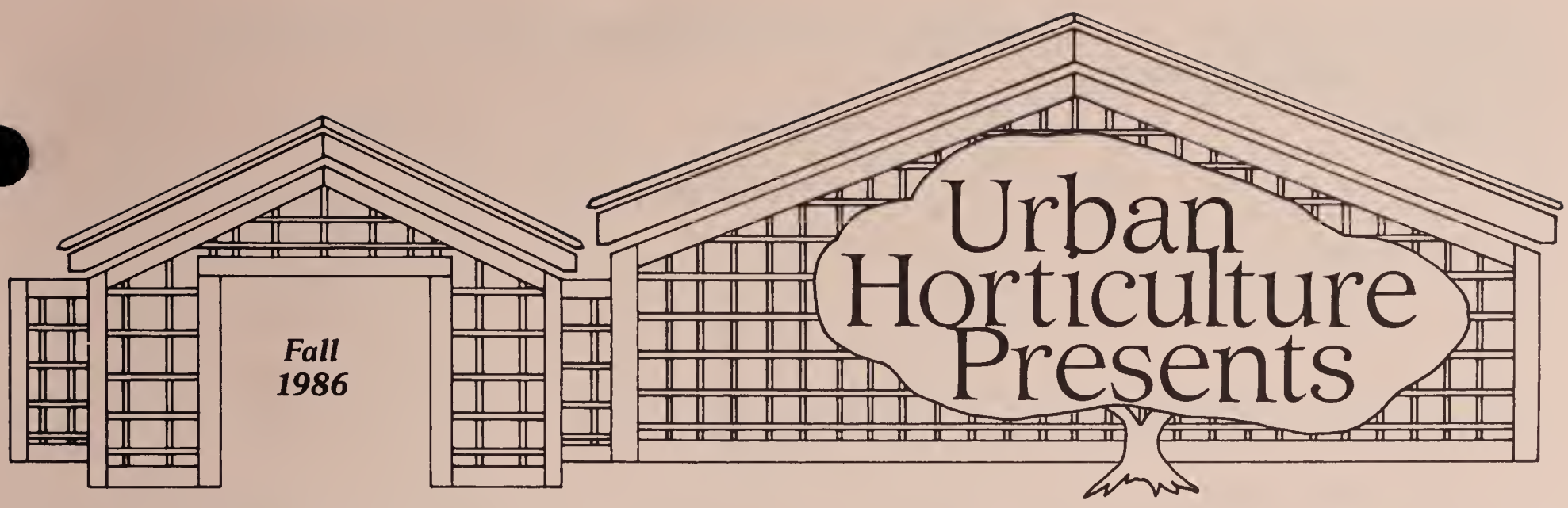

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CENTER NEWS

Fall Into Horticulture

This coming season will be an excellent time to "fall" into one or more of the programs now being held at the Center for Urban Horticulture (Union Bay) and also the new Visitor Center (Washington Park Arboretum). Special events will be the Third (believe it or not) Annual Open House, the Northwest Horticultural Society Plant Sale, the Unit Council (Arboretum Foundation) Bulb Sale, and an introduction of new plant courses featuring plants at the Arboretum. Our staff has been busy all summer in preparation, and all 6,000 (yes, actually) of you on this mailing list are invited.

John A. Wott
Professor, Continuing Education
Center for Urban Horticulture

Did You Know?

- There's a wonderful horticultural library with the latest horticultural references, books, and periodicals
- There's a 10,000-slide-collection lending library
- There's a speakers bureau of talent for your local programs
- There's a growing collection of herbarium specimens for plant identification
- There's a referral service (to WSU Master Gardeners) to help you with your plant problems
- There are meeting rooms and a 300-seat conference hall for your horticultural programs

All by calling the Center for Urban Horticulture at 545–8033.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library News

The Elisabeth C. Miller Library is the fortunate recipient of a major gift from Dr. John Wott, professor of urban horticulture and director of continuing education at the center. It consists of about 200 volumes on botany, horticulture, and gardening, including such sets as F. C. Steward's *Plant Physiology* and the American Horticultural Society's *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening*. This gift, worth several thousand dollars, fills in many gaps in our collection, includes many out-of-print titles, and reflects the strong backing of the CUH faculty and staff, as well as the community, to make the library the premiere horticultural reference facility in the Pacific Northwest.

The library will feature book displays and new booklists during the annual open house and will also have used books and magazines for sale at bargain prices. Be sure to see our new display case, a gift of Mrs. J. Pancoast Reath; our botanical art show; and our growing on-line library catalog, now under development.

Join Us This Fall at the Arboretum

The new visitor center is now open for horticultural activities. Special courses, lectures, and tours are now available. Drop by to view the Arboretum in all its beauty this fall. Don't forget the gift shop for holiday gardening gifts. Bulb fanciers, watch your calendar for the annual bulb sale, Friday, October 10, 1986 (10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.), and Saturday, October 11, 1986 (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.). And join us for the new "Nature into Landscape" plant series.

Summer Interns

Two energetic student interns spent the summer with us. They were Sue Ann Collins from Kansas State University annd Teresa Kluver from Oregon State University. Both just completed B.S. degrees in horticulture.

Summer interns receive practical experience and perform valuable work during their stay at the center. Sue Ann spent time at the Arboretum on mapping projects, updating plant records, and labeling plants. Teresa worked with our continuing education program. She helped with newsletter production and publicity, and designed a summer highlights brochure for Arboretum visitors.

CUH Open House—1986

Our Third Annual Open House will be held Friday, September 26, 1986 (10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.), and Saturday, September 27, 1986 (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). Featured this year will be plans for horticultural plantings as well as current research projects at CUH. Also special tours of Martha L. Isaacson Hall and the McVay Courtyard will be featured. You'll also be able to visit exhibits by Puget Sound area plant and horticultural societies. The Northwest Horticultural Society will be holding its annual plant sale both days. Specific information will follow.

Arboretum Tours—Maples

The first of many self-guided tours at Washington Park Arboretum will be available this fall. Stop by the visitor center and obtain the maple brochure (for a small fee). Then follow the markers to learn about twenty-two of the maples. The tour and brochure were developed by Daniel J. Hinkley as a part of an IMS Interpretation Grant.

WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM TOURS

Brisk, sunny days and brilliantly colored leaves combine to make autumn a most delightful time to experience the Arboretum. To help you discover the special treasures that fall has to offer, you are invited to join one of our guided tours.

The following tours are FREE and begin at the Arboretum visitor center. Reservations are *not* required. Call 543–8800 for more information.

Sundays at One

There are tours every Sunday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. through the month of October: September 7, 14, 21, and 28; October 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Explorers' Walks—for the plant enthusiast

Join us from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of every month except December. Upcoming tours will be on September 24, October 22, and November 26. These walks are led by the Arboretum naturalist.

Note: Special guided tours for school groups, garden clubs, and other organizations can be arranged with three weeks' advance notice. Call 543–8800 for details.

Continuing Education Staff

John A. Wott, professor
Van M. Bobbitt, coordinator
Jan Davis, program assistant (CUH)
Eric Nelson, program assistant (WPA)
Rebecca Johnson, program aide
Tom Kuykendall, graduate assistant

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9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays

WPA - 543–8800
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekdays

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Lawn Renovation

Unsure about renovating your lawn? Ciscoe Morris of Seattle University will discuss the simple, commonsense methods for fall and spring lawn care. Learn proper maintenance practices and the renovation techniques of thatching, aeration, overseeding, and top dressing. Basics of new lawn preparation also will be covered.

INSTRUCTOR: Ciscoe Morris
DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10

The Garden as "Outdoor Rooms"

Landscape architect Richard Carothers will present the idea of viewing the design of your home's exterior as you do the interior—as a series of rooms, each with its own function and character. A tour of a remodeled garden the following weekend will demonstrate these ideas and increase your understanding of the landscape design process.

INSTRUCTOR: Richard Carothers
DATE: Thursday, September 11, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, September 13, 9 to 11 a.m.
FEE: $20

Beginning Bonsai

Learn the aesthetics and techniques of this Japanese art. A hands-on class will enable students to start a bonsai from a nursery plant or restyle an existing bonsai. Basic forms and more advanced refinements will be covered for the participants with existing bonsai skills.

INSTRUCTOR: Jane Nelson
DATE: Saturdays, September 20, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 9 to 11 a.m.
FEE: $40

Exploring the World of Wild Mushrooms

Learn about the fascinating world of fungi. Increase your understanding of the mushroom's relationship to the plant kingdom as well as its culinary uses. Identification of poisonous and edible varieties will be coupled with collection and preparation techniques.

INSTRUCTOR: Joy Spurr
DATE: Tuesday and Thursday, September 23 and 25, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $20

Fall Color Tour

Contrast the brilliant autumn colors of th high mountain vistas to the canyons of the Yakima River. The tour takes in the beauty of Chinook Pass, the breathtaking colors of eastern Washington, and returns via Snoqualmie Pass. Fee includes transportation.

INSTRUCTOR: Jan Pirzio-Biroli
DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
FEE: $30

Perennials—Growing in Popularity

Learn how to use perennials in the home garden. These versatile plants can be grown in beds or in combination with shrubs and groundcovers. Todd Paul will discuss design applications picked up from a recent trip to England and emphasize perennials for fall color. Sources for seeds and plants will be covered.

INSTRUCTOR: Todd Paul
DATE: Thursday, October 9, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10

Propagation from Cuttings

Learn the variety of plants that can be grown from soft or hardwood cuttings. The course will include a lecture with demonstrations of techniques and a hands-on workshop where participants will propagate and bring home the cutting of their choice. Includes tips for the homeowner with and without a greenhouse. Materials provided.

INSTRUCTOR: George Lucas
DATE: Saturdays, October 11, 9 a.m. to noon and October 18, 9 to 11 a.m.
FEE: $25

New and Exotic Plant Foods

This course looks at the expanding variety of plant foods now available in the Northwest. Plants such as mache, tomatillo, cardoon, and daikon grow well here. Others such as tamarind, taro, and carambola are imported. Specific plant foods will be described in terms of historical origins, traditional uses, nutritional value, gardening, and cooking hints. A variety of foods will be available to examine and sample.

INSTRUCTORS: Brant and Bev Rogers
DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LABOR DAY 1 **UW Holiday**	*7 p.m.* 2 Lawn Renovation CUH *7 p.m.* NW Orchid Soc. CUH	*12:10 p.m.* 3 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Color Spots" UW HUB	4	5	6
1 p.m. 7 **Sundays at One** WPA	*7:30 p.m.* 8 Seattle Rose Soc. CUH *7:30 p.m.* King Co. Iris Soc. CUH	*7:30 p.m.* 9 Japanese Garden Soc. WPA	*10 a.m.* 10 **Plant Enthusiast** "Irises" CUH *11:30 a.m.* Lk. Wash. Garden Club Annual Luncheon CUH	*9:30 a.m.* 11 Amer. Zoological Society WPA *7 p.m.* Landscape Design *7:30 p.m.* NW Rhododendron Hybridizers Soc. CUH *7:40 p.m.* Rock Garden Soc. CUH	*7:30 p.m.* 12 **Master Gardener** "Preserving Produce" CUH	*9 a.m.* 13 *Landscape Design CUH
1 p.m. 14 **Sundays at One** WPA	*7 p.m.* 15 **Plants and Gardens** "Alaska" CUH	16	*12:10 p.m.* 17 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Propagating Rhododendrons" UW HUB	*7:30 p.m.* 18 Seattle Chrysanthemum Society CUH	19	*9 a.m.* 20 *Bonsai CUH
1 p.m. 21 **Sundays at One** WPA	*9 a.m.* 22 **Pro Hort** "Herbicides" CUH *6:30 p.m.* Puget Sound Bonsai Assoc. Gen. Mtg. CUH	*10 a.m. and 7 p.m.* 23 AF Center Circle "Autumn Color" WPA *7 p.m.* *Mushrooms CUH	*10 a.m.* 24 Explorers' Walk WPA *7 p.m.* AF Perennial Study WPA	*7 p.m.* 25 *Mushrooms CUH	*10 a.m.-5 p.m.* 26 Open House CUH *9 a.m.-5 p.m.* NOHS Plant Sale CUH	*10 a.m.-3 p.m.* 27 Open House CUH *9 a.m.-2 p.m.* NOHS Plant Sale
1 p.m. 28 **Sundays at One** WPA	29	30				

OCTOBER

			12:10 p.m. 1 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Bulbs" UW HUB *8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.* Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Arranging Workshop CUH	*8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.* 2 Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Arranging Workshop CUH	*8:30 a.m.-12 noon* 3 Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Arranging Workshop CUH	*9 a.m.* 4 *Bonsai CUH
1 p.m. 5 **Sundays at One** WPA	*7 p.m.* 6 NW Orchid Soc. CUH (Auction) *7:30 p.m.* King Co. Iris Soc. CUH	7	*10 a.m.* 8 **Plant Enthusiast** "Eucalyptus" CUH *8 a.m.-6 p.m.* *Fall Color Tour CUH and tour	*7:30 p.m.* 9 NW Rhododendron Hybridizers Group CUH *7:40 p.m.* NW Rock Garden Soc. CUH	*10 a.m.-4 p.m.* 10 AF Bulb Sale WPA *7:30 p.m.* **Master Gardeners** "Attracting Birds" CUH	*10 a.m.-1 p.m.* 11 AF Bulb Sale WPA *9-11 a.m.* *Bonsai CUH *Propagation CUH
1 p.m. 12 **Sundays at One** WPA	**Columbus Day** 13	*7 p.m.* 14 *Unusual Vegetables CUH *7:30 p.m.* Japanese Garden Soc. WPA	*12:10 p.m.* 15 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Autumn Color" UW HUB	16	17	*9 a.m.* 18 *Bonsai CUH *Propagation CUH
1 p.m. 19 **Sundays at One** WPA	*7 p.m.* 20 **Plants and Gardens** "Longwood Gardens" CUH	21	*10 a.m.* 22 Explorers' Walk WPA *7 p.m.* AF Perennial Study WPA	*10:30 a.m.* 23 *NOHS Lecture "People-Plant Interactions" with Charles Lewis CUH *6 p.m.* Volunteer Appreciation Dinner CUH	24	*9 a.m.* 25 *Bonsai CUH *Nature into Landscape WPA
1 p.m. 26 **Sundays at One** WPA	27	28	29	30	**Happy Halloween** 31	

NOVEMBER

						9 a.m. 1 *Bonsai *9 a.m.* *Nature into Landscape WPA
2	*7 p.m.* 3 NW Orchid Soc. CUH *7:30 p.m.* King Co. Iris Soc. CUH	**Election Day** 4	*12:10 p.m.* 5 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Campus Tree Walk" UW HUB	6	*7 p.m.* 7 Instructor Appreciation CUH	*10 a.m.* 8 *Dried Material CUH *9 a.m.* *Nature into Landscape WPA
9	*7:30 p.m.* 10 Seattle Rose Soc. CUH	VETERANS DAY 11 **UW Holiday**	*10 a.m.* 12 **Plant Enthusiast** "New Apples" CUH	*7:30 p.m.* 13 NW Rhododendron Hybridizers CUH	*7:30 p.m.* 14 **Master Gardeners** "Plants for Holiday Decorating" CUH	15
16	*7 p.m.* 17 **Plants and Gardens** "China"	*9:30 a.m.* 18 Richmond Evergreen GC WPA	*12:10 p.m.* 19 **Brown Bag Lecture** "Plant Photography" UW HUB	20	21	*9 a.m.* 22 *Pruning WPA
23	*6:30 p.m.* 24 Puget Sound Bonsai Assoc. Gen. Mtg. CUH	25	*10 a.m.* 26 Explorer's Walk WPA *7 p.m.* AF Perennial Study WPA	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 28	29

DECEMBER

	7 p.m. 1 NW Orchid Soc. CUH	2	3	4	5	*10 a.m.-noon* 6 *Holiday Greenery CUH
7	8	*7:30 p.m.* 9 Japanese Garden Soc. Mtg. WPA	10	*7:40 p.m.* 11 NW Chapter American Rock Garden Soc. CUH	12	13

CUH = Center for Urban Horticulture WPA = Washington Park Arboretum HUB = Husky Union Building * = Fee

From Nature into Landscape

This exciting new series will feature an in-depth exploration of the plants of the Arboretum. Each quarter we'll explore new topics including the identification, nomenclature, ecology, botany, habit, landscape utility, and aesthetics of specific plant groups. Featured this fall—"Plants of Winter-Rain" (Mediterranean, Chile, California, Western Australia, and South Africa), many of which are ideal landscape plants here.

INSTRUCTORS: Clem Hamilton, Tim Hohn, Jan Pirzio-Biroli, Van Bobbitt
DATE: Saturdays, October 25, November 1, November 8, 9:00 a.m.–noon
FEE: Preregistration required, $15 series, $7.50 individual session

Creative Uses of Dried Plant Material

Learn about the creative uses of a variety of dried flowers, grasses, and pods of plants that can be grown in the home garden or gathered in Washington State. The class will cover how to grow, collect, and dry appropriate materials as well as demonstrate the various arrangements and wreaths from dried plant material.

INSTRUCTOR: Rosina McIvor
DATE: Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to noon
FEE: $10

Gardening Under Cover

Learn simple and economical ways to extend your growing season. This slide presentation on cloche and cold frame gardening will cover benefits and problems, design considerations, cropping techniques, and what is appropriate for your needs.

INSTRUCTOR: Carl Woestendiek
DATE: Tuesday, November 18, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $10

Dormant Season Pruning

The dormant season is prime time to prune many trees and shrubs. Introductory lecture will cover the principles of pruning, proper tools, and available references. This hands-on workshop includes a field session, where participants will have the opportunity to work on a variety of shrubs and small trees.

INSTRUCTOR: John Hushagen
DATE: Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
FEE: $14

Holiday Decorations

I. Greenery Workshop

Through demonstration and participation, class members will learn the latest use of plant materials for hanging decorations, table arrangements, and garland techniques for interior use. Materials are provided to make the holiday decorations of your choice.

INSTRUCTOR: Sharon Buck
DATE: Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. to noon
FEE: $15

II. Wreath Workshop

Holiday wreaths can be made from a range of materials, many of which can be found in your own garden. This workshop on creating holiday wreaths will cover materials and techniques used in constructing these popular holiday decorations. Each participant will make his own holiday wreath. Materials provided.

INSTRUCTOR: Sharon Buck
DATE: Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
FEE: $12 ($25 for Session I & II)

!VOLUNTEERS!

Attention "9–5'ers"!

Been waiting for the right volunteer opportunity? We have two new ways for you to participate in your Arboretum. Our just-finished visitor center reception desk and gift shop are now open Sunday afternoons through the fall. We need you to staff them! Also, a "Weekend Weeders" program is in its infancy under the direction of our new curator, Mr. Timothy Hohn. Come join us! Call 545–8033.

Reception/Clerical

Both the visitor center and the Center for Urban Horticulture continue to need volunteer receptionists and clerical backup personnel. This is an excellent opportunity to see the program from the inside. Call 545–8033.

Rewards!

A reminder that many of the volunteer hours spent within our organization qualify you for credit toward the fees for our continuing education courses.

REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses

COURSE	FEE	NAME(S)	TOTAL
			$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR $_____

Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment; classes fill rapidly, so register early.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after first class meeting.

NAME_____ Phone: Day_____ Evening_____

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Mail payment and registration to:
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Seattle, Washington 98195

A Gift of Learning: Give a Gift Certificate in the amount of one of the courses. Call Jan Davis for details (545–8033).

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

These lectures are offered as a FREE service to the public and cover a wide range of horticultural interests.

The Plant Enthusiast

Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Exotic New Irises for Your Garden

September 10
by Robert Radek, Iris Enthusiast

Discover the aril irises. Their fantastically patterned flowers resulted from crossing the bearded iris with the desert iris of the Middle East. Now they are available for your garden.

Eucalyptus—From Australia to Seattle

October 8
by Dr. Stanley P. Gessel, professor emeritus, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

Can you really grow eucalyptus in Seattle? Dr. Gessell has studied eucalyptus in their native Australia, selected the hardiest strains, and planted them in Seattle. Did his introductions prove successful? Come and see.

Beyond the Red Delicious—Tasty, New Apples for the Puget Sound Garden

November 12
by Edward Lewis, Western Cascade Tree Fruit Association

Are you looking for apples that taste good and also grow well in western Washington? Ed Lewis will tell you which ones are best. He has grown over 100 varieties in his Bellevue garden, many of which will be available for tasting during the lecture.

Plants and Gardens of the World

Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Alaska's Horticultural Potential

September 15
by Van Bobbitt, coordinator of continuing education, Center for Urban Horticulture

Despite its icebox reputation, a visit to Fairbanks, Alaska, during the summer reveals extensive plantings of annuals, productive vegetable gardens, and fields of potatoes and barley. You also discover that several plants that we grow as ornamentals are native to Alaska's interior.

Longwood Gardens—A Gardener's Perspective

October 20
by Thomas Kuykendall, graduate student, Center for Urban Horticulture

Mr. Kuykendall spent the summer of '83 as a gardener at Longwood, the former estate of Pierre Samuel du Pont in Pennsylvania. This is America's premier display garden. In addition to pretty pictures, you will get an insider's view of what really goes on at Longwood.

A Horticulturist's Tour of China

November 17
by Molly Beck, consulting arborist, Northwest Arborvitae

In October 1985 a delegation of American horticulturists toured China as part of the "People to People" program. Local representative Molly Beck will share her impressions of the people, the sights, and the state of Chinese horticulture.

The Master Gardener

Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

Preserving Produce from Your Garden

September 12
presented by the WSU Master Food Preservers

Now that it's harvest time, what do you do with all the produce? Learn how to safely preserve your fruits and vegetables by canning, drying, freezing, and other processes.

Attracting Birds to Your Garden

October 10
by Joyce Crowder

What kinds of plants will attract hummingbirds? Or goldfinches? Or chickadees? Find out how to create a garden that not only attracts, but also protects, birds.

Plant Material for Holiday Decor

November 14
by Virginia Koontz

Discover the variety of plants, which can be grown in your own garden, that will add special beauty to your holiday decor. Both fresh and dried materials will be displayed.

Brown-Bag Garden Talks

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., at the UW HUB.

A service to the campus community. Jointly sponsored by the Center for Urban Horticulture and Washington State University Cooperative Extension.

Color Spots for Fall and Winter

September 3
by Lynn Meyer, WSU Master Gardener and owner of Lynn's Garden Center.

Propagating Rhododendrons and Azaleas

September 17
by Orris Thompson, WSU Master Gardener and former horticulture supervisor at Tacoma's Point Defiance Park

Bulbs 101—A Beginner's Guide to Success

October 1
by Greg Hastings, WSU Master Gardener

Trees and Shrubs for Autumn Color

October 15
by Jan Pirzio-Biroli, naturalist, Washington Park Arboretum

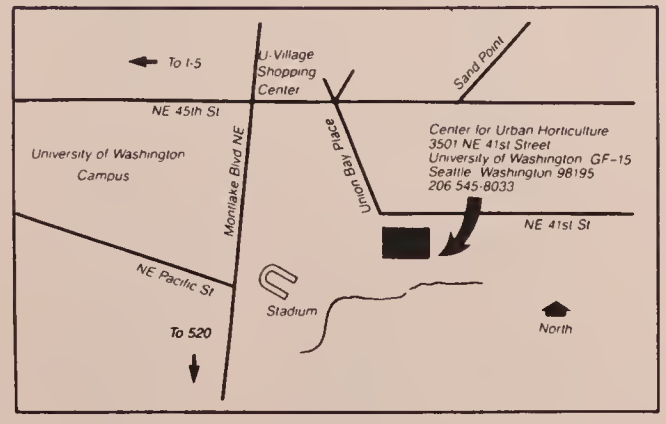
A Campus Tree Walk

November 5
by Van Bobbitt, CUH

The Art of Plant Photography

November 19
by Sheila Walters, WSU Master Gardener

Urban Horticulture Presents...



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